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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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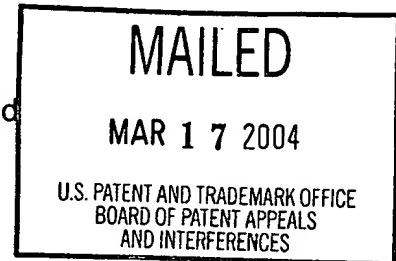
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Ex parte SCOTT E. ANDERSEN and  
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Application No. 09/553,094

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**ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER**

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This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 19, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

It is not clear if a Request for Oral Hearing should be in this file. A search of the Patent and Trademark Office RAM Fee History for this application shows a fee of \$280.00 was charged to Deposit Account No. 502387. However, we were unable to locate a copy of the Request for Oral Hearing in the administrative file. Clarification is needed.

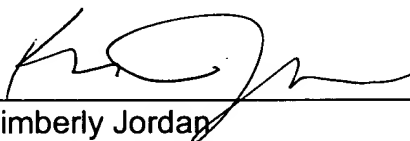
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Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner to locate and place a copy of the missing Request for Oral Hearing in the administrative file or advise the Board if no such request was submitted.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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